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Reynosa Now Eligible as a Border Crossing Point for CLQs & Bovine Edible Offal

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Report Highlights:

On August 8, 2005, the Secretariat of the Treasury (SHCP) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) a resolution modifying Annex 21 of the 2005 Foreign Trade General Rules authorizing Ciudad Reynosa and Veracruz as eligible border crossing points for frozen chicken leg quarters (CLQs) and bovine edible offal products. In addition, San Luis Rio Colorado is now an eligible border crossing point for fresh and chilled potatoes.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement published in Mexico's *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) on August 8, 2005.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: First Resolution of Modifications to the Rules of General Regulations on Foreign Trade for 2005.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On August 8, 2005, the Secretariat of the Treasury (SHCP) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) the First Resolution modifying Annex 21 of the 2005 Foreign Trade General Rules. Through this modification SHCP authorized Ciudad Reynosa as an eligible border crossing point for frozen chicken leg quarters (CLQs) and bovine edible offal products (H.T.S. 0207.14.04 & 0206.29.99, respectively) and added Veracruz to the list of authorized crossing points. Moreover, through this announcement SHCP authorized San Luis Rio Colorado as an eligible border crossing point for fresh and chilled potatoes.

MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFAL

SHCP announced that Ciudad Reynosa, in addition to the previously authorized products, is now eligible as a border crossing point for the import of CLQs and bovine edible offal classified under H.T.S. 0207.14.04 and 0206.29.99 respectively, provided that:

- a. Imports are in accordance with the framework of the "Decree that establishes the Import General Tax for the Border Area and the Northern Border Area" whenever declaring the Identification Code 'CF' in the "*pedimento de importacion*" certificate. The Identification Code 'CF' indicates that such imports are registered before the Secretariat of Economy (SE), it also indicates the destination of the commodities either for trade or usage in the HRI sector within the Northern Border Area, or,
- b. Imports are in accordance with the TRQs allocated by SE whenever declaring the Identification Code 'CP', which indicates that the importer is presenting a "*Cupo*" Certificate issued by the SE.

On the other hand, Veracruz now is eligible as a border crossing point for all products cited in the background section.

With this modification, the number of authorized border crossing points was increased to sixteen, as indicated:

1. Agua Prieta
2. Cancún
3. Ciudad Juárez
4. Colombia
5. Lázaro Cárdenas
6. Manzanillo
7. Matamoros
8. Mexicali
9. Nogales

10. Nuevo Laredo
11. Piedras Negras
12. Ciudad Reynosa
13. San Luis Río Colorado
14. Tijuana
15. Tuxpan
16. Veracruz

Background: On December 28, 2004, the Secretariat of the Treasury (SHCP) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) the Sixth Resolution modifying the 2004 Foreign Trade General Rules, announcing the closure of Ciudad Reynosa as a border crossing point for frozen chicken leg quarters (CLQ) and bovine edible animal offal shipments (H.T.S. 0207.14.04 & 0206.29.99, respectively). See MX 5002.

On April 4, 2005, SHCP had published Annex 21 of the 2005 Foreign Trade General Rules, which established the original list of fifteen authorized border crossing points for the products classified under the following H.T.S., but maintained the restriction on Ciudad Reynosa for H.T.S. 0206.29.99 & 0207.14.04.

0201.10.01, 0201.20.99, 0201.30.01, 0202.10.01, 0202.20.99, 0202.30.01, 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01, 0203.29.99, 0204.10.01, 0204.21.01, 0204.22.99, 0204.23.01, 0204.30.01, 0204.41.01, 0204.42.99, 0204.43.01, 0204.50.01, 0205.00.01, 0206.10.01, 0206.21.01, 0206.22.01, 0206.29.99, 0206.30.01, 0206.30.99, 0206.41.01, 0206.49.01, 0206.49.99, 0206.80.99, 0206.90.99, 0207.11.01, 0207.12.01, 0207.13.01, 0207.13.02, 0207.13.03, 0207.13.99, 0207.14.01, 0207.14.02, 0207.14.03, 0207.14.04, 0207.14.99, 0207.24.01, 0207.25.01, 0207.26.01, 0207.27.01, 0207.27.02, 0207.26.02, 0207.26.99, 0207.27.03, 0207.27.99, 0208.10.01, 0208.90.99, 0210.11.01, 0210.12.01, 0210.19.99, 0210.20.01, 0210.99.01, 0504.00.01,

FRESH & CHILLED POTATOES

Through this announcement, the addition of San Luis Río Colorado increases to five the number of authorized crossing points for fresh & chilled potatoes under H.T.S. 0701.90.99, as follows:

1. Ciudad Juárez^①
2. Mexicali
3. Nogales
4. Tijuana
5. San Luis Río Colorado

^① Only at the Custom Section of Zaragoza International Bridge located in Ignacio Zaragoza, Chihuahua.

Important Dates

Publication Date: August 8, 2005.

Effective Date: August 9, 2005.

FAS comment: Private sources have indicated that despite the announcement's effective date of August 9 for CLQ and bovine edible offal shipments, imports of these products are not being allowed through this border crossing point, due to the Mexican Customs

Headquarters' delay in implementing the identification code application of its master computer system. It is expected that this upgrade will be completed by mid-late August. Currently, shipments of such products are entering the country through the Matamoros border crossing point.

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